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For: METHOD FOR PROMOTING EFFICIENCY  
OF GENE INTRODUCTION INTO PLANT  
CELLS

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Examiner: J. Hwu

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR**  
**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. §1.114)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2007, finally rejecting claims 22-29, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.